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TO: Agency Chief Information Officers
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SUBJECT: USDA Configuration Guides

The Office of the Chief Information Officer has developed Security Configuration Guides for the most common Operating Systems and Applications that are employed throughout the Department. Effectively immediately, all agencies must use these configuration guides as their minimum baseline configuration. These guides can be found at http://www.ocionet.usda.gov/ocio/security/config_guides.html.

Any exceptions to the baseline configuration must be submitted to the Office of Cyber Security for approval at cyber.communication@usda.gov. If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the Security Compliance Division, at 816-823-2377, or via e-mail at cyber.incidents@usda.gov.